

Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Date & Time:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 | 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM

Location:

Malden City Hall

Attendance

Advisory members present: Jen Murphy, Laura Vlasuk, Anthony Chui, MaryAnn O'Connor

Advisory members absent: N/A

Other attendees: Sophie Greenebaum, Gruha Patel, Maureen Buzby, Maria Tamagna, Deanna Wu

Agenda

1. Call to order at 1:12pm
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. July 23, 2025- passed 3-0-1
 - b. September 3, 2025- pass 3-0-1
3. Grant updates
 - a. MC3B

The MC3B Coordinator shared that recovery events among the MC3B communities were successful. She provided an update on Positive Community Norms campaign launching in the next month, with pilot testing happening before the launch. The coordinator reminded health directors that compliance checks for alcohol are open. She shared some funding updates, including Malden & Medford being awarded the PFS grant and an upcoming grant opportunity for substance use and mental health.
 - b. MTCP

The MTCP Coordinator shared examples of other vape products that are on the market. She mentioned that she will be presenting at MHOA along with Anthony and Dr. Koh. She shared that MTCP funding will end on June 30, 2026 and a new RFI will be released early-2026. No new municipalities have adopted NFG, but there are new and ongoing conversations happening.
 - c. PHE
 - i. Epi updates- The Epidemiologist has received everyone's YRBS raw data and will work on data cleaning & analysis. She shared an update on LTBI trends and she'll be working with the state to determine necessary next steps. She's working on creating a dashboard to help with LTBI workload and nursing support needs
 - ii. The coordinator shared work updates for the Health Inspector-Trainee and the Public Health Nurse. She shared that RS & CHO renewal begins 10/2/25 through 1/15/26.
 - iii. The group reviewed PHE grant budget updates and discussed the Health Communications Specialist (HCS) role and Regional Health Inspector role. The group decided to drop the HCS position to part-time and add a Regional

Inspector role. There were brief discussions on having a 1.5-day “Basics of Plan Review” training in December and an inspectional software discussion.

4. Other business not reasonably anticipated since the posting of this meeting
 - a. There was a brief discussion on synthetics. Medford’s prevention team will be leading an environmental scan across the grant communities. For regulations, MAHB’s version was favored by the advisory members, and decisions will be made by local boards of health.
 - b. Major changes to the 2022 food code were briefly discussed. There’s interest among some of the communities to adopt the 2022 food code and there’s interest in attending a training to learn about some of the changes.
 - c. The tobacco coordinator shared that she’s noticed an increase in stress among storeowners & clerks of stores she’s been inspecting. There was a brief brainstorm on things to do to calm the anxiety during inspections.
 - d. Next meeting was set for 11/12/25 at 1:30pm in Stoneham.
5. Adjourn
 - a. Motion made to adjourn meeting- passed 4-0-0.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm